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## Tickets are selling fast for panto

TICKETS for this year's pantomime at Kidderminster's Rose Theatre are selling fast with some performances already sold out.

Peter Pan opens on December 29 for 13 performances.

Directed and choreographed by Jane Bennett, it runs until January 7.

For tickets contact the Rose booking office on 01562 743745 or visit the website at [www.rosetheatre.co.uk](http://www.rosetheatre.co.uk)

## Jules on Dine With Me menu



Jules Buss, delighted to be on TV

A CARTOONIST from Cookley near Kidderminster is to make his long-awaited television debut.

Jules Buss's artistic talents will be on show in an episode of the Channel 4 reality show, Come Dine With Me.

Jules was invited by a former client who is taking part in the show, to be part of the entertainment by drawing cartoons of the contestants.

He is not allowed to reveal which one of the contestants is his former client.

Viewers will see the person surprise the other guests when Jules makes his entrance.

It happens on the last night of the

contest which will be aired tomorrow (December 16) at 8pm.

A delighted Jules, aged 40, said: "You just can't buy this type of advertisement; it could prove to be a huge boost for me."

"I'm hoping to get a good few minutes air time and it should be a very entertaining show."

"It is a great buzz to know my drawings are going to be on television."

Viewers will see 47-year-old customer service advisor Mandy Fincher, John Harrington, actor Simon Blood DeVay and accountant Sarah Haines all battling it out to win the Come Dine With Me cash prize.



A self portrait by the cartoonist

## £1m boost for regeneration is planned by council chiefs

AN injection of more than £1 million to boost economic regeneration in the Wyre Forest district is being considered by council bosses.

The idea is part of the council cabinet's draft financial strategy for the next four years which includes a proposal to freeze the district council's element of the council tax for 2012-13.

If agreed, this would be the second year in a row that its proportion of the council tax has not been increased.

Councillor John Campion, the council leader said: "Despite the economic uncertainty, this is the most significant proposal for investment in the economic future of Wyre Forest for a generation."

The proposed net budget for 2012-13 is £12.6m, a reduction of almost £1m or 7 per cent, compared to the current financial year. This follows a reduction in the grant that the council receives from the Government of £850,000.

The other main budget proposals are to make further savings through reviewing the way the council delivers services across the authority.

It is estimated that this programme will deliver more than £800,000, and will see further reductions in staff numbers.

Significant savings are already being achieved by changes to the waste collection working arrangements and altering the way support functions are provided.

Councillor Nathan Desmond, the council's cabinet member with responsibility for resources and transformation said: "Securing the economic prosperity of the district is one of our priorities. We're proposing allocating £1 million in year one and we are also looking at a further £100,000 a year for the following three years."

The proposals will be discussed at the cabinet meeting at 6pm on December 20, at the Earl Baldwin Suite, Duke House, Kidderminster.

## 250 jobs at Safari Park up for grabs

A SEASONAL jobs boom has been announced by West Midlands Safari and Leisure Park.

Bosses there have about 250 vacancies as their jobs website goes live from tomorrow (December 16).

The Park, which opens for summer on February 11, has the vacancies in a number of departments, including food and drinks, retail and admissions, and park services. Opportunities include supervisory positions and jobs with flexible working hours.

Spokeswoman Michelle Gale said: "We will be gathering job applications between Christmas and the New Year break, ready to start the interviewing process in January 2012."

Successful applicants will benefit from a full and comprehensive training package and will gain invaluable work experience."

A further 250 vacancies will become available in July. The park expects the total number of seasonal staff to rise to 500 for the peak holiday season.

Application forms can be downloaded from the park's official website.

Alternatively, jobs can be applied for directly on line [www.wmsp.co.uk/jobs](http://www.wmsp.co.uk/jobs)

# EXPERTS PROBE HORRIFIC BLAST

AN INVESTIGATION was this week continuing into an horrific explosion at an engineering firm in Kidderminster.

Four men were injured, one seriously, when an air cylinder exploded at the firm, Filtration Service Engineering, at the Oldington trading estate.

The badly injured man aged in his 40s, had to be airlifted to hospital. He was said to be suffering "significant injuries".

Emergency services were called to the drama last week and part of the estate was immediately cordoned off while the badly injured man, believed to be a worker at the firm, was given pain relief at the scene by a doctor.

He was then airlifted to the Queen Elizabeth Hospital in Birmingham.

### Injured

West Midlands Ambulance Service described his injuries as "extremely severe".

The other three men were treated for minor injuries and were taken to Kidderminster Hospital by ambulance for further checks. Firefighters from Kidderminster assisted the paramedics in transferring the severely injured man to hospital.

Staff at the neighbouring Yamaha Motorcycle Mart said they saw the emergency services arrive at the scene and saw the helicopter land at the estate. One worker, who declined to be named, said: "I have never seen so many police in one place before and it looked really serious. The air ambulance landed near the building and workers had to move their cars to make room for it."

Another said: "It was very dramatic. The pilot of the air ambulance did a fantastic job landing in heavy winds."

The Health and Safety Executive are investigating the incident. Filtration Service Engineering was unavailable for comment.

## Aiden's a Christmas card prize guy

A PROUD mum from Kidderminster got a festive surprise when her son was crowned winner of the Chronicle Christmas card competition.

Aiden Childe was one of many youngsters at Franche Primary School to take part in the competition voted for by Chronicle readers.

He was announced as the winner during a school assembly on Monday.

Advertising supervisor for the Chronicle, Glyn Law, presented Aiden with a framed copy of his design and a special set of cards for him to send to his friends and family.

Glyn also presented the school with a cheque for £50.

The entries were all sponsored by local businesses, with Blooming Marvellous, of Chester Road, North Kidderminster, backing Aiden's design.



Glyn Law makes the presentation to Aiden Childe, with Aiden's sister Harriet, aged three, their mother Michelle, and the school's head teacher Val Weddell-Hall

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## Training boost for the young

FIGURES showing that the number of apprenticeships in Wyre Forest will more than double from 2010 to 2011 have been welcomed by the area's MP

The figures, from the Department for Business, show that the number of apprenticeships in the region was up from 460 in 2009/10, to 950 in 2010/11.

That's an increase of 109 per cent, the largest in the West Midlands.

Mr Garnier said: "This is fantastic news. One of my top priorities as MP is to promote growth and jobs in the area and this can only be done by giving our young people the skills that local businesses need."

I am thrilled that we have twice as many apprenticeships this year than we did last year.

The figures for the whole of the West Midlands show that the number of apprenticeships has increased from 31,720 in 2009/10, to 52,390 in 2010/11 – an overall increase of 65 per cent.

## Trust invites photographers

PHOTOGRAPHERS in Worcestershire are being invited to enter a competition organised by the Wildlife Trust.

The conservation charity wants photographers that reflect the diversity of the local countryside and wildlife, and the winning entries will feature in its 2013 calendar, which will be on sale from May.

For details and an entry form log on to the trust's website at [www.worcswildlifetrust.co.uk](http://www.worcswildlifetrust.co.uk) and the closing date for entries is February 13.

# The Risk add X Factor magic to £6m project

A £6.1million project to create an academy offering students courses in subjects ranging from catering to electronics has been launched in Kidderminster – with a touch of the X Factor.

The listed Piano Building, a former Brintons carpet warehouse, in the heart of the town centre will be transformed under the plans.

The new academy will be an education and training centre offering vocational and traditional courses for up to 1,000 16 to 18-year-olds.

The project was launched on Saturday with a special performance from boy band The Risk. The X Factor stars performed to hundreds of fans on an outdoor stage as part of the launch.

## Success

Meanwhile, a host of exhibits were arranged to show off courses available at the college including construction, catering and computer games development.

Refurbishment at the historic building will begin in the New Year and the academy, which will be run by Kidderminster College and Birmingham Metropolitan College will open in September.

Kidderminster College principal Andy Dobson said: "Opening the doors of the Piano Building to the public for the first time was a major first step, so we are delighted our launch event was such a great success."

"Feedback gained from people about the education and training we will be offering was extremely positive, with many already expressing an interest in enrolling on learning programmes next year."

South Korean electronics firm Samsung will also be sponsoring courses designed to teach students skills to get jobs within the fast-paced mobile phone industry.



The Risk are Andy Merry, 20



...Charlie Healy, 25



...21-year-old Derry Mensah



...and Ashford Campbell, 19



The historic Piano Building which will be converted into an academy



Some of The Risk's fans wait to see their heroes

## Stock up at local market

SHOPPERS in Bewdley will be able to stock up at an extra pre-Christmas local produce market on Sunday (December 18).

Since starting in August the popular monthly market in Load Street has grown from 10 stalls to 25.

The main focus is on quality food from local producers, but the market has also introduced local craft stalls which are proving popular.

"We have already filled the space we have available, and have a waiting list of stallholders," said Peter Miller of Bewdley Development Trust.

The market is supported by the Grow with Wyre project as part of its programme to support local rural businesses.

It is also part of a wider initiative in the town by Transition Bewdley to encourage people to grow and buy more local food.

In support of this aim, a series of training days in rural skills starts in January.

For details contact Bewdley Development Trust on 01299, [info@bewdley.org.uk](mailto:info@bewdley.org.uk) or look on the town website [www.bewdley.org.uk](http://www.bewdley.org.uk)

## Campaign is a royal winner

A group for young people has scooped a national award at an ceremony hosted by The Princess Royal.

The group, me2, which is part of the charity Mencap, won for the best local campaign at the Hearing Unheard Voices project. They campaign to improve leisure facilities for children in Dudley.

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## Plan to build 100 homes

OLD industrial buildings in Stourport will be demolished to make way for 100 homes if proposals are approved.

Redrow Homes Midlands wants to build two to five-bedroom houses on the site next to the landmark Morgan Technical Ceramics factory in Bewdley Road.

# Christmas cheer boxed up for neediest children

A FORMER Stourport student has helped to make Christmas special for the world's poorest people.

WaiLo Li, 27, who works for Jaguar Land Rover, filled 260 shoeboxes with items to be sent to needy children overseas.

## Seasonal recycling changes

A CHANGE to rubbish collections over Christmas has been announced by Wyre Forest District Council.

Recycled and rubbish collections that were due to take place on December 26 will be collected on December 24.

Between December 19 and January 13, residents are being asked to make sure that their bins are at the kerbside by 6am as collection schedules may be changed.

Council bosses say recycling and rubbish collection days may be changing in 2012. More information is due in March.

Meanwhile, the council is offering people the chance to sign up to its garden waste collection service in January and February for collections starting in March. It costs £31 for the first year.

For information, log on to [www.wyreforestdc.gov.uk/r](http://www.wyreforestdc.gov.uk/r) recycling or call 01562 732928.

She also organised shoebox collections from Birmingham Chinese Evangelical Church.

Operation Christmas Child began 21 years ago and the shoebox appeal, run by the Christian charity Samaritan's Purse, has brought smiles to more than 80 million unprivileged children worldwide.

Last year 1.12 million shoeboxes full of gifts were sent from the UK to children living in poverty Africa, Eastern Europe and Central Asia.

### Difficult

WaiLo Li, who went to Stourport High School, said: "Operation Christmas Child is a fantastic international project for youngsters to get involved in, especially as Christmas is all about giving."

"It's nice to think that the next time these shoeboxes are opened, it will be by a child in poverty."

"Hopefully it will bring a smile to their faces, despite their difficult circumstances."

"Buying these gifts have really put things into perspective. Most of these shoeboxes contain basic items such as toothbrushes, toothpaste, soap, crayons, exercise books, tennis balls and cuddly toys."



WaiLo Li with just some of the shoeboxes she filled with items for children in poverty

## New cemetery is due to open after delays setback

AFTER delays, a £4.2 million cemetery and crematorium for the Wyre Forest area is to open in January.

The cemetery in Minster Road, was due to open earlier this year. But it was delayed for access work to be completed and for the last plots to be taken at the existing cemetery in Park Lane.

According to Wyre Forest District Council, the new site will be officially opened in January but some burials and

cremations could start earlier. It has been created because space is running out at the Park Lane site.

A tree-lined avenue will lead to the main buildings and landscaped areas, featuring wild flowers, grasses, rockeries and a pond with a bridge.

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## Council praised for good-value services

**SERVICES** at Wyre Forest District Council are value for money, according to independent external auditors.

In its annual audit letter, the Audit Commission has endorsed the council's medium-term financial plans.

The commission also highlighted the authority's developing plans to make fundamental changes to services and how the organisation is run.

There was praise for the way the council has implemented a new system of accountability reporting, the strong financial systems and the accounting records.

### Budget

The report says the council has made good progress in driving out inefficiencies, and has financial resilience in the short-term.

It recommends that the council cuts costs further to deliver a fully balanced budget and financial resilience.

Other suggestions include developing the corporate risk register, and ensuring members have enough information to monitor and challenge savings plans.

Councillor Nathan Desmond, the council's cabinet member with responsibility for resources and transformation said: "We are continuing to deliver good value for money services for our residents."

"We have been successful in achieving savings but we are well aware more need to be made."

## Santa's own winter wonderland



Santa gives his team of reindeer some tender loving care before their big day

SANTA and his trusty reindeer have been making last-minute preparations for Christmas at West Midlands Safari Park.

A festive wonderland has been especially created for him, Rudolph and the rest of the team at the park's Discovery Trail.

Children can meet Santa at the park and even have their picture taken with him.

Booking is essential by phoning 01299 402114.

## Church stirring up help for food event

BEWDLEY parish church is appealing for help from local people with a special food group meeting.

Church leaders want people to contribute a home-cooked dish or an example of local food for the event tomorrow at 7pm which is aimed at encouraging people to grow their own fruit and vegetables, and healthy eating. All are welcome to the free event which will include a cooking demonstration.

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Members  
enjoy a  
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# Recycle idea to save old bikes

MEMBERS of Stourport Floral Art Club and visitors had a rare treat.

They saw a special Christmas demonstration at Areley Kings Village Hall last month, which included a three-course meal prepared on stage.

The show was by national demonstrator Bob Harris and he was greeted with a huge round of applause.

Stunning Christmas table and door decorations made by members of the practice classes were sold for club funds.

The arrangements and food dishes were raffled and mulled wine and mince pie were served.

The club visited Shugborough Hall for the candle lit Christmas evening earlier this month.

The final meeting of 2011 is a social with fish and chip supper next Monday. Entertainment and a quiz by Andrew Kinsella will provide a fitting end to a very busy 55th anniversary year.

## Service for shoppers

Shoppers travelling from Kidderminster to Worcester can take advantage of extra park and ride services on December 17.

Services will run every 10 to 15 minutes through the day. Tickets, which include parking and travel, cost from £2.20. A group ticket costing £3.50 is also available.



Councillor Anthony Blagg with volunteers Ryan Walker and Andrew Currie of Motov8

**OLD pedal bikes can get a new lease of life, thanks to Worcestershire County Council's partnership with a local charity called Motov8.**

County residents are being asked to donate old or unwanted bikes for repair and reuse, to the charity which supports and helps young people.

Bikes are being collected from Hallow Road Household Recycling Centre. The youngsters restore them and sell them on at an affordable price.

Mark Badger, Managing

Director of Motov8, said: "The collection and refurbishment of the bicycles provides employment and training for young people with the aim of them gaining employment."

"We have been collecting bicycles from the Bilford Road site for some time now and this has been really beneficial to our work as it provides us with a constant supply of bikes and parts."

### Wonderful

"We hope that the addition of Hallow Road will enable us to increase the supply of low priced recycled bikes."

Councillor Anthony Blagg, Cabinet Member with responsibility for Environment and Waste said: "This is

a wonderful idea to help reduce the amount of reusable waste ending up in landfill."

People can buy bikes from the Gregory's Mill Street workshop in Worcester.

Unwanted bikes can be dropped off at the Hallow Road centre between 8am and 4pm Monday to Friday, and on Saturdays from 8am to noon, or at the Bilford Road Household Recycling Centre between 8am and 6pm Monday to Saturday and Sundays at 10am to 4pm.

Information is available at [www.lets-wasteless.com](http://www.lets-wasteless.com) or by calling 01905 766883. To contact Motov8, go to their website by logging on to <http://www.motov8.org.uk> or call 01905 619068.

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The show always went on - the Empire Theatre in Kidderminster in about 1922

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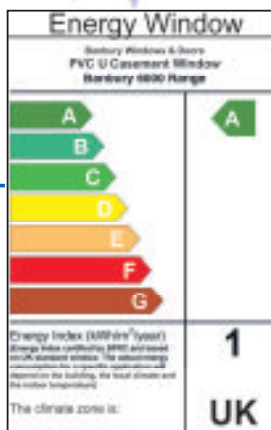
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## Cards are blast from area's past

A SET of notecards published by a history research group have brought the past of the Wyre Forest area back to life.

The cards depict scenes from the 1920s and 30s, and also from the 19th century. Gay Hill, of the Wyre Forest Historical Research Group, explained that the group had published calendars in the past, but this year wanted to try something different.

The scenes, some of which were featured in earlier cal-

endars, include the Tontine in Stourport, in around 1930.

Also featured is the Empire Theatre, the Horse-fair in Kidderminster, in about 1922, and Upper Arley ferry in 1887.

Gay and the research group are hoping that the the notecards would make an ideal small Christmas present.

For more information about the cards, which cost £3.50 a pack, call 01562 746370.



The way they were - the Upper Arley ferry in 1887



The cards recall quieter times in the Wyre Valley

## Charity's challenge hits peaks

A CHARITY has thrown down a tough challenge - to climb the highest mountains in England, Scotland and Wales in just 36 hours.

The marathon is in aid of the Meningitis Trust, to raise money to help people living with the impact of the disease.

The trust is organising its 15th annual Three Peaks Challenge, to take place between May 11 and 13, or July 6 and 8. More than £1 million has been raised since the first Three Peaks Challenge, and the trust is keen to reach new heights with its fundraising.

The challenge starts at Snowdon in North Wales. Participants are then taken by coach to the base of Scafell in the Lake District - to climb the mountain in the dark. Finally, the team is transported up to Scotland to climb the tallest of the three mountains, Ben Nevis.

Trust spokeswoman Liv Maybank said: "The Three Peaks is great fun, a good challenge and a brilliant atmosphere - but places are limited, so sign up now."

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# Kieran set for a naval career

A FORMER Stourport pupil is on course for a career at sea after completing the first phase of training with the Royal Navy.

Trainee diver Kieran Dimmock, aged 26, who went to Stourport-on-Severn school, successfully completed his first intensive 10-week training stint.

He arrived at the gates of HMS Raleigh, in Cornwall, last September to start the course, and it all culminated in a passing-out parade in front of proud family and friends.

Kieran said: "I joined the Royal Navy for a career, for the lifestyle, the friendships and to see the world. "But being selected as the deputy class leader from a strong group of people was my main achievement during training."

"The course has had its challenges, but it has also had its share of good times. I've experienced things that would not be possible in civvy street."

## Danger

With the first phase of his training complete Kieran will transfer to HMS Collingwood, in Hampshire, where he will undergo his specialist training to qualify as a diver.

Royal Navy divers can be called upon to perform a variety of tasks from identifying and destroying mines or other explosives that pose a danger to a warship, to disposing of Second World War weaponry dragged up in a trawler's net, and carrying out major engineering jobs on the ship's propeller or hull if needed.

In the initial training, recruits are taught the basics of naval discipline and customs. They learn about navigation and are given the chance to take the helm of their own medium sized boat in an orienteering exercise.



Kieran Dimmock, wants to specialise as a diver

## School to celebrate

CHRISTMAS comes to a primary school in Kidderminster tomorrow (December 16).

Sutton Park Community Primary holds its Christmas fair at 3pm

The school in Greatfield Road, Kidderminster, will have nearly 20 stalls including a teddy tombola, pin the tail on Rudolph, Santa's grotto, and much.

The school choir will sing from 3.30pm and the Year 6 students will be staging a special "Oompa Loompa" dance and selling Willy Wonka-themed chocolates.

## MP wins visit from mail chiefs

BOSSSES of the Royal Mail have agreed to visit Wyre Forest to discuss the proposed closure of the Stourport delivery office.

The visit was agreed when they met the area's MP Mark Garnier, in Westminster.

Royal Mail has begun a consultation with the Communication Workers' Union (CWU) on plans to close the delivery office and merge it with the Kidderminster sorting office.

But residents and businesses fear the impact the move will have on the postal service.

Mr Garnier said: "I am very pleased that the Royal Mail has recognised that the future of the Stourport delivery office is a serious local concern."

"My office is now in touch with the Royal Mail to settle a date for such a meeting in which they can explain why they have proposed these changes."

The Conservative MP added: "I urge all those from the business community, and the wider community, to attend."

## Music treat for students

MORE than 50 music students attended a workshop at King Edward VI College, Stourbridge.

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## There's hope for the silent sufferers

It's hard to imagine after losing natural teeth things could ever be quite the same again.

Denture wearers for too long have often tolerated a catalogue of unresolved problems from poor stabilisation, where prosthetics move on the gums, to an inability to eat a healthy diet.

Added to the physical challenges are the carefully hidden embarrassing moments and the restrictions of being able to live life impulsively. These issues are further

compounded for some by an emotionally corrosive inability to smile freely.

Denturist Steven Burchell DipCDT RCS (Eng), who heads the team at the Denture Clinic in North Street, Dudley, says: "For some, losing teeth is life changing and not for the better."

But he is keen to send out a message of hope to the silent sufferers with four major treatment models now available at his clinic aimed at reversing "an untold catalogue of misfortunes" and restoring a warm and engaging smile.

Added to the comprehensive clinical toolbox of solutions – which includes traditional dentures; a cleverly designed suction denture which is held in place by tiny diaphragms creating a vacuum between the gums and teeth; and implant retained dentures – is a system known as All-on-4.

In this feature we take a snapshot of each procedure and in accessible language explain the clinical options available from Mr Burchell and his team.

# Transformations

And coming soon, the clever teeth you don't have to take out to clean ...

## REMOVABLE DENTURES

ARE they real, or are they false? With cutting-edge technology it's hard to know the difference between natural teeth and clever dentures.

Clinic principal Steve Burchell, whose work has attracted interest from as far as Spain, the Isle of Skye, Eastbourne and North Wales, is driving hard a message of hope, which is helping to change the image of false teeth and the people who wear them.

Mr Burchell DipCDT RCS(Eng), says: "It's my experience that there are too many people putting up with ill-fitting dentures. With lips that are pinched, lower dentures with excessive mobility allowing food ingress between the plate and the gums, sore spots and teeth that do not function well, it's no wonder so many wearers feel at a loss in their search for solutions to their problems."

But the clinician, who has earned a country-wide reputation as a 'smile mechanic', is buoyant about the future for solutions with dentures.

He passionately embraces what he calls "the denture revolution" offering traditional denture wearers precise fittings with the latest injection moulding techniques and natural-looking teeth that are functional too.

"We desperately want people to know there is a solution for most problems. The clinic has a vast wealth of experience to draw upon and we promise to give as much time as people need to resolve issues with the best clinical outcomes," Mr Burchell adds.

## IMPLANT RETAINED

A GROWING number of satisfied patients have found a renewed confidence by ditching their traditional dentures for implant retained dentures.

The procedure that became an established form of dentistry in the United States in recent years can now be carried out with the Denture Clinic – and the transition can mean new teeth, which can function just as if they were your own.

Fixed with small titanium screw-like mechanisms that are set, and eventually fused into the bone, they act as an effective substitute for the roots of your missing teeth.

Implantologist, Mr Jon Pugh BDS MSc, with whom the clinic has a long-established working relationship, undertakes all the surgical procedures.

Research reveals that as little as two dental implants in the lower jaw will significantly stabilise the prosthesis. A similar procedure can secure the upper teeth, normally with four implant fixings.

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## Suction offers a new solution

A cutting-edge development to help resolve the stability problems faced by thousands of denture wearers is being offered at the Denture Clinic.

The invention has the potential to improve the life quality of patients who have previously experienced long-term problems with ill-fitting dentures.

Prosthetics are held in place by tiny valve-operated suction devices which are built into the dentures.

A clever diaphragms principle, triggered by the bite pressure on patients' gums, creates a 'sucking' vacuum between the soft-tissue mouth lining and the prosthesis.

## Expectations

Mr Burchell, whose clinic attracts patients from as far as Spain, the Isle of Skye and the Isle of Anglesley, adds: "The denture revolution is evolving at a pace. In recent times we have seen what I can only describe as strident steps forward with implant-retained dentures coming into main-stream dentistry, clever technology which allows excellent fitting outcomes and now the Ultra Suction product."

"Implant dentistry is not suitable for everyone, neither is it all patients' first preference. The beauty of this technology from New Zealand is that it offers excellent denture retainer qualities without surgery."

"We have always endeavoured to be on the very cusp of clinical development and this is another tool in our commitment to always try to deliver results which are greater than patient expectations," adds Mr Burchell.



## ALL-ON-4

A treatment pioneered in Portugal that offers denture wearers teeth that never have to be taken out for cleaning is arriving at the clinic in the New Year. Known as All-on-4, the system embraces implant technology with just four securing posts supporting a titanium framework of teeth.

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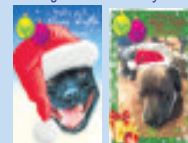
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## Get ready to rock at the arena

THERE'S still a little time to find some tickets for Birmingham's biggest Christmas party.

Rock With Laughter is on at the LG Arena on both Friday and Saturday nights this weekend, and promises a night of festive fun with top class comedy and music, set to get you laughing all the way to Christmas.

This year, the show is hosted by Graham Norton – the staple of Friday and Saturday night television.

Graham welcomes comedians Jimmy Carr, Dara O'Brian and Sarah Millican, who are bringing their infamous stand-up routines to the show.

Joining the comedy will be Marti Pellow who is due to sing hit singles from his illustrious career, and award-winning Gabrielle famed for hits such as Dreams, Give Me A Little More Time and Out of Reach.

Also adding to the musical line-up will be pop-art icons 10cc whose most famous songs include I'm Not In Love and Dreadlock Holiday.

Rock With Laughter is the ultimate festive night out; perfect for couples, friends and work colleagues getting into the Christmas spirit.

It is on tomorrow and Saturday night at the LG Arena in Birmingham. Tickets are priced from £22.50 to £37.50. For availability call 0844 338 8000.

## Jools in the right key with his rhythm and blues



Jools Holland

THE undisputed King of boogie-woogie, Jools Holland, is back at the NIA this weekend with his infamous Rhythm & Blues Orchestra. The music maestro aims to impress audiences when he performs tracks spanning his entire solo career, many of which can be

found on his latest album release Finding The Keys: The Best Of Jools Holland, which was released recently.

Jools will be joined on stage by a range of special guests including pop icon Sade, who is best-known for hits including Puppet on

a String, Long Live Love and (There's) Always Something There to Remind Me.

Shaw will provide guest vocals alongside double Ivor Novello-winning musician Chris Difford. Difford wrote some of Squeeze's biggest hits including Up The Junc-

tion, Cool For Cats and Labelled With Love, and has celebrity admirers such as Lily Allen and Mark Ronson.

Jools is at the The NIA on Saturday night from 7.30pm. Tickets are priced at £34.50. For availability call 0844 338 8000

## Hippodrome highlights for 2012 season

A PERFORMANCE from Britain's Got Talent star Susan Boyle, Sister Act and Dirty Dancing are among the highlights of the 2012 season at Birmingham Hippodrome.

Matthew Bourne's Nutcracker, Cameron Mackintosh's new production of the Lionel Bart classic Oliver! starring Neil Morrissey and Brian Conley and much-loved musical Blood Brothers will also be at the venue during the year.

Nutcracker! runs from February 7 to 11, Oliver! from March 13 to April 21 and Blood Brothers from October 22 to November 3.

The brand new musical I Dreamed a Dream featuring Susan Boyle runs from May 29 to June 2, while Sister Act will take to the stage from October 9 to 20.

A production of Dirty Dancing is at the venue from July 4 to August 25, and the International Dance Festival Birmingham brings a spectacular range of international dance companies to the city.

Stand-up comic Dara O'Brian will be on stage on April 27 and 28 while comedian Kevin Bridges visits the Hippodrome on November 11.

Stuart Griffiths, chief executive at the Hippodrome, said: "It's definitely full steam ahead at Birmingham Hippodrome as we look forward to a packed 2012. Next year we'll also be very focussed on our Stage Appeal. We need to raise over £1 million towards the cost of replacing our 30-year-old stage."

For this stage work, the theatre will close for four weeks following the summer season and will reopen with Birmingham Royal Ballet's autumn season. Visit [www.birminghamhippodrome.com](http://www.birminghamhippodrome.com) for details.



Susan Boyle

IF LYNDIA Bellingham has one Christmas wish, it is probably this: That people switch off from the X Factor this Christmas in favour of a live show.

The actress wants more people to use provincial theatres like Wolverhampton's Grand and Birmingham's Hippodrome.

She's played each numerous times, featuring in hit productions such as Calendar Girls, and is looking forward to returning to the West Midlands this weekend.

Birmingham Hippodrome will raise the curtain on its festive pantomime, Cinderella, tomorrow. It will run until January 29.

The action-packed production will feature Bellingham as the Fairy Godmother alongside Brian Conley, as Buttons, and Basil Brush, as, ahem, Basil Brush. Boom Boom!

Bellingham says: "During our recent tour of Calendar Girls, we visited every old theatre in the country. It feels very melancholic because these days so many people tune into the X Factor, instead of supporting their local theatre."



Brian Conley stars alongside Lynda Bellingham in the Hippodrome's pantomime Cinderella

Bellingham, who is perhaps best-known for playing the mother in the 1980s Oxo adverts, is optimistic about the future for venues like the Grand

and the Hippodrome. "They show productions that are real, that are not tainted by spin or air-brushing or media hype or manipulation," she

says. "Theatre is all about slices of life that you don't always get to experience and I think that will always survive." Though Bellingham is a

veteran of the stage, she's busier than ever.

In addition to plenty of theatre work, she continues to make regular appearances on TV's Loose Women and has also been commissioned to write two novels.

Brian Conley, meanwhile, is making a return to the Hippodrome following four record-breaking previous panto appearances.

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Hippodrome spokeswoman Mandy Rose said: "The most popular pantomime of them all, Cinderella, will be brought magically to life by a superb cast, an abundance of comedy, stunning sets and costumes and fabulous special effects."

On stage Conley has starred in the West End and in the touring productions of Hairspray and Chitty Chitty Bang Bang, both of which he played at Birmingham Hippodrome. He recently toured the UK in Brother Love's Travelling Salvation.

Tickets are available from [www.birminghamhippodrome.com](http://www.birminghamhippodrome.com). For more information call 0844 338 5050.

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## Digital



**1.10 Film: Bat\*21.** (1988) Vietnam War drama, starring Gene Hackman. **2.50** Weatherview. **2.55** BBC News

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**12.00 SuperCasino. 3.55**  
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**E4**  
**3.25** Desperate Scousewives **4.30** Film  
 Scrooged (1988) **6.30** The Big Bang Theory  
**7.30** Happy Endings **8.00** How I Met Your  
 Mother **8.30** The Big Bang Theory **9.00** Film  
 Die Hard 4.0 (2007) **11.30** The Big Bang Theory

**FILM4**  
**2.40** Saboteur (1942) **4.50** The Cat Returns  
 (2002) **6.25** Star Trek: The Motion Picture (1979)  
**9.00** Star Trek II: The Wrath of Khan (1982)  
**11.10** Star Trek III: The Search for Spock (1984)

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**6.00** Breakfast. **7.35** Match of the Day. (R) **9.00** The Andrew Marr Show. **10.00** Fern Britton Meets Brian Blessed. **11.00** Country Tracks: Weather for the Week Ahead. **12.00** Escape to the Country. (R) **12.45** Match of the Day Live. Portsmouth v Southampton (Kick-off 1.00pm). **3.05** Bargain Hunt Famous Finds. (R) **3.35** Cash in the Celebrity Attic. (R) **4.20** Lifestyle. **4.30** Songs of Praise. **5.05** BBC News: Regional News: Weather. **5.30** Lost Christmas.

**7.00** Countryfile. A traditional country village Christmas in Warwickshire. **8.00** Antiques Roadshow. Fiona Bruce looks back at a selection of 2011's most memorable finds, including a Victorian brooch designed by William Burges that was previously believed to be lost. **9.00** Young James Herriot. Drama following James Herriot's days at Glasgow Veterinary College in the 1930s. **10.00** BBC News: Regional News: Weather. **10.25** Take That: Progress Live. Highlights from the group's concerts at the City of Manchester Stadium. **11.45** Have I Got a Bit More News for You. Extended edition, with guests Nick Hewer and Jack Whitehall. (R)

**12.25** Weather. **12.30** Sign Zone: Film 2011 with Claudia Winkleman. (R) **1.10** Holly City. (R) **2.10** Bible's Buried Secrets. (R) **3.10** MasterChef: The Professionals. (R) **3.40** BBC News.

**6.00** CBeebies. **7.00** CBBC. **10.00** Something for the Weekend. **11.30** The Hair Bikers. Twelve Days of Christmas. (R) **12.30** Flog It! (R) **1.00** EastEnders. **3.00** Live Equestrian. **5.05** Antiques Road Trip. (R) **5.50** Great British Railway Journeys. (R)

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**6.20** Celebrity Eggheads. Former footballers Alan Kennedy, Kerry Dixon, Alan Rough and Tony Currie take on the expert quizzers. **6.50** Top Gear. Festive edition from 2010. (R) **8.00** James May's Man Lab Xmas Special. How to make it snow and using a gun to decorate the tree. **9.00** A Night with the Stars. Professor Brian Cox explores challenging concepts in physics. **10.00** Match of the Day 2. Including highlights of Manchester City v Arsenal. With analysis by Lee Dixon and Alan Hansen. **11.30** Never Mind the Buzzcocks. With Rhod Gilbert, Jimmy Osmond, Tom Parker, Caroline Flack and Charlie Baker. (R)

**12.00** Life's Too Short. (R) **12.30** Film: Secret Santa. (2003) Family drama, starring Jennie Garth, Steven Eckholdt and Charles Robinson. **1.55** BBC News.

**6.00** CITV: Mini CITV. **7.25** CITV. **9.25** Monk. (R) **9.30** Horrid Henry. (R) **9.45** Planet Sketch. (R) **9.50** Film: The NeverEnding Story. (1984) Fantasy, with Barret Oliver. **11.30** Film: A Cinderella Story. (2004) Comedy, with Hilary Duff. **1.10** ITV News: Weather. **1.15** Film: Jack Frost. (1998) Fantasy, with Michael Keaton. **3.05** Film: Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory. (1971) Musical, with Gene Wilder. **5.00** All Star Family Fortunes Christmas Special. (R) **5.45** Regional Programmes.

**6.00** ITV News: Weather. **6.15** Odd One In. Festive edition, with Carol Vorderman and Mark Watson. **7.00** Just Henry. One-off drama set in post-Second World War Britain, based on the novel by Michelle Magorian, the writer of Goodnight Mister Tom. Henry's life has not been easy. Josh Bolt and Dean Andrews star. **9.00** Michael Buble: Home for Christmas. The Canadian crooner performs classic festive songs. **10.30** ITV News: Weather. **10.45** FILM: Ocean's Twelve. (2004) Comedy, with George Clooney.

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**1.00** The Zone. ITV News Headlines. **2.05** Motorsport UK. **3.05** Kojak. (R) **4.00** ITV News: Weather. **5.30** ITV Morning News.

**6.10** The Hoobs. (R) **6.35** The Hoobs. (R) **7.00** Survival of the Fittest. **8.00** T4: One Tree Hill. (R) **8.45** T4: Hollyoaks. **11.15** T4: Sunday Brunch. **12.05** T4: Cee Lo Takes the UK: Christmas with All the Goodies. **12.20** T4: Sherlock Holmes: A Game of Shadows - T4 Movie Special. **12.40** T4: The Simpsons. (R) **1.10** T4: Shipwrecked: The Island. **2.10** T4: The Simpsons. (R) **2.45** Film: A Christmas Carol: The Musical. (2004) Dickens musical, starring Kelsey Grammer. **4.30** Deal or No Deal. **5.30** Channel 4 News. **5.40** 4thought.tv. **5.45** The Political Slot. **5.50** Film: Fred Claus. (2007) Comedy, starring Vince Vaughn, Paul Giamatti, Rachel Weisz, Miranda Richardson and Kevin Spacey.

**8.00** Home for the Holidays. New series. Live big-money entertainment show, hosted by Vernon Kay.



**9.00** Black Mirror: The Entire History of You. Horror, written by Peep Show co-creator Jesse Armstrong. Last in the series. **10.00** FILM: Bruno. (2009) Premiere. Spoof documentary, with Sacha Baron Cohen and Clifford Banagale. **11.35** FILM: Carrie. (1976) Horror, starring Sissy Spacek.

**1.25** American Football Live. **5.00** FreeSports on 4. **5.25** Countdown. (R)

**6.00** Milkshake! Peppa Pig. **6.05** Roary the Racing Car. (R) **6.15** Fifi and the Flowerpots. (R) **6.25** Fireman Sam. (R) **6.35** Harry and His Bucket Full of Dinosaurs. (R) **6.50** Castle Farm. **6.55** Igan Ogarn. (R) **7.05** Roobarb and Custard Too. (R) **7.10** The Milkshake! Show. **7.35** Make Way for Noddy. (R) **7.45** Bert and Ernie's Great Adventures. (R) **7.55** Little Princess. (R) **8.10** The Adventures of Bottle Top Bill and His Best Friend Corky. (R) **8.30** Angelina Ballerina. **8.45** Rupert Bear. (R) **9.00** Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom. (R) **9.10** Holly Valley. (R) **9.15** The Mr. Men Show. (R) **9.30** Roary the Racing Car. (R) **9.40** Mist: Sheepdog Tales. (R) **10.00** Disney's 12 Days of Christmas: Winnie the Pooh - Eeyore's Tail. **10.05** ThunderCats. **11.05** Andre Rieu: Live in Concert. (R) **11.50** Ice Road Truckers: Deadliest Roads. (R) **12.50** Disney's 12 Days of Christmas: Donald Duck - Winter Storage. **1.00** Film: Scrooge - A Christmas Carol. (1951) **2.45** Film: A Grandpa for Christmas. (2007) **4.25** Film: Mrs Miracle 2: Miracle in Manhattan. (2010)

**6.10** FILM: Our First Christmas. (2008) Family drama, starring Julie Warner. **7.55** 5 News Weekend. **8.00** FILM: Hancock. (2008) Superhero comedy, starring Will Smith. **10.00** FILM: Renegade Justice. (2007) Thriller, with Steven Seagal. **11.45** Indiana Jones: The True Story. (R)

**12.50** SuperCasino. **4.00** Meals in Moments. (R) **4.10** UEFA Europa League Football. **5.00** Hana's Helpline. (R) **5.10** The Milkshake! Show. (R) **5.35** Thomas & Friends. (R) **5.45** Roary the Racing Car. (R)

**ITV2**  
**3.30** The Planet's Funniest Animals. **4.00** The Xtra Factor: Winner's Story 2011. **5.00** Film: Mr Magorium's Wonder Emporium. (2007) **7.00** Super Tiny: Animals. **8.00** Film: Gremlins (1984). Comedy horror, with Zach Galligan, Phoebe Cates, Hoyt Axton and Polly Holliday. Includes FYI Daily. **10.15** Film: Deep Blue Sea (1999). Thriller, starring Saffron Burrows and Samuel L. Jackson. Includes FYI Daily.

**ITV3**  
**4.40** Foyle's War. **6.45** Film: City of Angels (1998). Romantic fantasy, starring Nicolas Cage and Meg Ryan. **9.00** Lewis. A university don is implicated in a murder. **11.00** Film: Mystic River (2003). Oscar-winning drama, starring Sean Penn and Tim Robbins.

**ITV4**  
**1.10** Film: The Alamo (1960) **4.10** Film: Rio Bravo (1959) **7.00** Film: The 'Burbs (1989) Black comedy, starring Tom Hanks. **9.00** Film: Last Man Standing (1996) **11.00** Film: The Dirty Dozen (1967)

**BBC THREE**  
**2.00** Film: Cars (2006) **8.50** Great TV Mistakes **9.00** Gavin & Stacey **10.00** American Dad! **10.45** Family Guy **11.30** Him & Her

**BBC FOUR**  
**7.00** Churches: How to Read Them **7.30** The Secret Life of Bob Monkhouse **9.00** The Roasts of Christmas Past **10.00** The Space Shuttle: A Horizon Guide **11.00** Imagine: Alan Ayckbourn - Greetings from Scarborough

**E4**  
**5.00** Sorority Girls **6.05** Scrubs **7.00** Film: The Seeker: The Dark is Rising (2007) **9.00** Rude Tube: Uter Pranks **10.00** Misfits **11.05** Tool Academy

**FILM4**  
**2.45** Carry On Teacher (1959) **4.25** Kiki's Delivery Service (1989) **6.35** Stardust (2007) **9.00** Star Trek (2009) **11.20** The Hills Have Eyes (2006)

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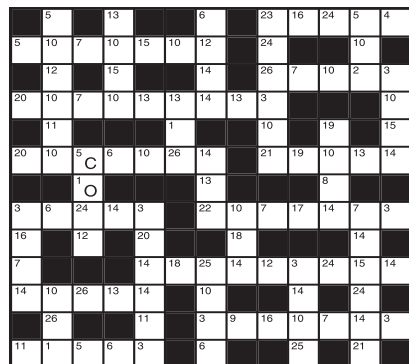


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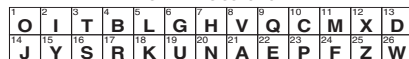
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- Part of the diocese, evidently - or the whole of it (3)
- Suddenly changes a call-note (3,2,4)
- It's not becoming mixed up in the paint (5)
- Everybody in disorganised side takes a long time in moving (7)
- A shocking rise in my unhappy state (6)
- The Book of Numbers used by church-goers! (6)
- Unusual terrain for a coach (7)
- Severe end to a ship (5)
- The nicest day for a group of companies (9)
- He's a fool to carry the burden (3)
- Old-time stock-breeders! (11)

## Down

- Yes, it's interesting the egotist, we hear (3)
- Agonising enough to cause cardiac damage (5-7)
- Sickness produces a word of uncertainty about the boy (6)
- To balance the accounts completely (7)
- The company with engines in need of modification send packages to him (9)
- A defect that will prevent one from making direct observations (11)
- Pedigrees in animals will show brutality (11)
- He prefers to be a man without spirit (9)
- See 3 Down
- To invest with ministerial responsibility (6)
- He is encompassed by fixed bed-covering (5)
- It's vital to keep taking it in, but it's a strain! (3)

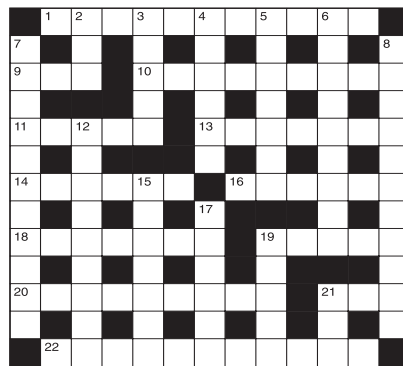
## Quick Clues:

## Across

- Rigidly laid down (4,3,4)
- Sick (3)
- Templing (9)
- Way in (5)
- Philosopher (7)
- Constricted (6)
- Bury (6)
- Melancholy (7)
- Maxim (5)
- Height (9)
- Enemy (3)
- Observers of the (11)

## Down

- Grow sick (3)
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- Nakedness (6)
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- Allot (6)
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LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS:

CRYPTIC: Across: 1 Dual; 3 Proposer; 9 Riotous; 10 Phase; 11 Light-hearted; 13 Cheque; 15 Leader; 17 Falling glass; 20 Eaten; 21 Put down; 22 Incisors; 23 Were. Down: 1 Derelict; 2 Among; 4 Russet; 5 Paper-weights; 6 Seaweed; 7 Rues; 8 Contour lines; 12 Present; 14 Elastic; 16 Sniper; 18 Alone; 19 Peri. QUICK: Across: 1 Fall; 3 Academic; 9 Unlucky; 10 Safe; 11 Fortuitously; 13 Leader; 15 Usurer; 17 Discourteous; 20 Clean; 21 Isolate; 22 Entreaty; 23 Left. Down: 1 Four-fold; 2 Idler; 4 Coyote; 5 Disquisition; 6 Muffer; 7 Cure; 8 Acquiescence; 12 Prospect; 14 Aliment; 16 Quaint; 18 Orate; 19 Ache.

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Fill in the grid below so that every column, every row and each of the 3x3 boxes contains all the digits from 1 to 9.

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# sport



Cricketer Roy Tattersall

## Tribute paid to England bowler

FORMER Lancashire and England cricketer Roy Tattersall, who had lived in Kidderminster since 1961, has died at the age of 89.

The Bolton-born bowler was signed by Lancashire in 1948, writes **Brian Gittins**. His first full season was in 1950, and his 193 wickets at 13.59 helped Lancashire to become joint winners, with Surrey, of the county championship.

In the winter of 1950-51 he was

flown out to join England's injury-hit Ashes party and went on to play 16 times for his country. He took four five-wicket hauls, a 7-52, and had a match return of 12-101 against South Africa at Lord's in 1951. He took 58 Test wickets at 26.18.

In 13 seasons between 1948 and 1960, he took 1,369 county wickets, with a career best of 9-40 against Nottinghamshire at Old Trafford in 1953.

He arrived in Kidderminster in

January 1961 as the club's professional and was employed by Brinton's Carpets. Tattersall helped Kidderminster CC win the Birmingham League Championship in 1962. He was a modest man with a fund of cricket stories and his great joy came this year when Lancashire "again took the title."

He is survived by his wife Phyll and daughters, Clare, Anne and Vicky. The funeral is at 11am at Stourbridge Crematorium on December 21.

# MATT PUNCTURES VAUXHALL DREAM

## Kidderminster Harriers 2 Vauxhall Motors 0

FIRST-HALF goals from Jamille Matt and Kyle Storer were enough to earn Kidderminster a comfortable FA Trophy replay victory.

Saturday's nerve-jangling 4-4 draw, secured only by a late Harriers penalty, was a thing of the past on Tuesday as the home side dominated.

The win stretched Kidderminster's unbeaten run to seven matches and earned the side a home tie against Droylesden in round two on January 14 – as well as £5,000 in prize money.

Harriers might well have beaten their Blue Square Bet North visitors by a far greater margin.

Boss Steve Burr said: "I thought, particularly in the first half, we were tremendous. Our movement was excellent."

"We just probably frustrated our crowd a little bit in the second half by not going on and getting a few more goals."

"I thought we did quite well second half, just without finishing our chances off. I felt the way we played we were just that yard quicker and our football was very good."

Former Trophy winners Kidderminster went ahead in the 13th minute after a shot from Marc Williams was pushed away by goalkeeper Scott Tynan. Matt got on the end of the loose ball and, after having his initial shot blocked, netted his fifth goal in the last four matches.

### Slick

Burr's boys continued to mesmerise the Motormen with a constant flow of slick passing movements and were rewarded in the 24th minute with a second goal.

Williams fed Storer who showed excellent ball control before swivelling to fire home a powerful volley.

Harriers' dominance suggested that they were heading for a high scoring victory, although the Motormen managed to restrict the scoring to 2-0 with a battling second-half display.

Within the first minute of the second period Harriers' goalkeeper Nathan Vaughan marked his home debut by producing a fine save to keep out a shot from Craig Mahon. Kidderminster, however, were a constant threat and Storer hit the bar with a late free-kick.

**Kidderminster:** N Vaughan; L Vaughan, Jones, Sharpe, Demetriou; Byrne, Storer, Gittins (Wright, 73); Harkin, Matt, Marc Williams (Gunn, 80). **Subs not used:** Lyness, Mike Williams, Briscoe.

**Vauxhall Motors:** Tynan; Fearnough, Hennigan, Jones, Benn; Mahon, Burke, Mannix (Glover, 80); Holgrove (Llewellyn, 64); McGivern, Stockton. **Subs not used:** Bennett, Wright, Kasbarian.

**Referee:** Any Fearn (Leics). **Attendance:** 746.

## Harriers save it Wright at the death

### Vauxhall Motors 4 Kidderminster H 4

**SUBSTITUTE** Nick Wright spared Harriers' blushes on Saturday with a penalty three minutes into injury time to earn Tuesday's FA Trophy replay.

There was little sign of the drama that was to unfold when Mickey Demetriou crashed home a 16-yard volley to give the Blue Square Premier side a fourth-minute lead.

However, the visitors were exposed barely five minutes later when Craig Mahon set up Leighton McGivern 12 yards out. His shot was parried by Nathan Vaughan but bounced in off Michael Briscoe.

On the quarter-hour Harriers again switched off to allow striker Cole Stockton to steer home a free-kick from Dave Mannix.

Harriers' response was swift, Jamille Matt turning Paul Jones 30 yards out before racing clear to produce a clinical finish on 26 minutes.

But on the stroke of half-time Harriers conceded again from a set-piece, Tom Hannigan rising highest to meet a McGivern corner.

Within eight minutes of the restart Stockton had made it 4-2, tucking away the rebound after Vaughan saved from Mahon.

But with 17 minutes left Jack Byrne glided a near-post header across Scott Tynan into the bottom corner. Three minutes into time added on Dan Fearnough handled a cross and Wright coolly converted the spot-kick.

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## Treble for Gittens in big Bewdley win

### Bewdley Town 5 Bromyard Town 2

BEWDLEY moved into the league's top four after a resounding victory which featured a Dan Gittens hat-trick.

Plenty of rain made playing conditions heavy and it took a while for both teams to come to terms with the pitch.

After 15 minutes Bewdley opened their account when Gittens latched onto a pass from Sam Watkins, made some space and shot low into the corner.

Five minutes later it was 2-0 as Ollie Smith drove into the box and squared the ball across the face of the goal to provide Chris Hough with a simple tap-in.

Hough and Smith missed further opportunities and five minutes before half-time Bromyard reduced the arrears with a close-range volley from Josh Homans.

But within 15 minutes of the restart Bewdley had wrapped up the points with three further goals, Gittens completing a stunning hat-trick and Smith bagging the fifth. Bromyard pulled one back through the tireless Homans, but at that point the contest was over.

Joint team manager Brian Lacey said the team had been reminded "in no uncertain terms" at half-time that missed chances had cost the team points. "The whole team were elated with young Dan Gittens getting his hat-trick – he is a product of last season's under-18s, has been an ever-present in the squad, shows maturity beyond his years in his game and never lets anything faze him."

Bewdley travel to Darlaston on Saturday (3pm) and face a tough trip on Tuesday to Wednesfield (7.45pm).

## Battling Stour beaten

### Stourport 0 Ludlow 4

STOURPORT ladies hockey fourths were the only side with a fixture at the weekend and fielded a team comprising players from all five sides.

However it wasn't enough to prevent Ludlow, who had to borrow players from the home team, from winning the friendly comfortably.

Both sides began brightly but it was Ludlow who had the edge in a good-natured but competitive match.

They took the lead and by half-time were two goals up.

The second half saw Stourport come back at Ludlow after withstanding some initial pressure from the visitors. But once more Ludlow gained the upper hand, scoring midway through the half and then adding a fourth.

## Biles' Olympic test on and off the mat

SAMURAI judo star Sarah Biles has had a taste of the Olympics – on both sides of the mat.

Biles competed in the Olympic test event at the Excel Centre in London, where the Olympic judo event will be staged – and officiated in the same event.

She is the only judo player in Britain who is qualified both to compete and officiate at this level.

Biles fought one of the best competitors, a German who recently won the European under-23 championships, and lasted nearly two minutes before the inevitable score went against her.

The previous day she was officiating, one of six Samurai club officials who have been selected to officiate at the Olympics, the largest group from any one club by far.

### Computer

The others are club chairman Sarah Newbury, who is Britain's top tournament director; her sons Ben and Stefan who run the computer system used in most major British events; Archi Shrimpton and Malcolm Limrick, the club president who is also Commonwealth Sports Director.

Biles rounded off a very good year with first place at the England Trials for the Commonwealth Tournament, which is being held in Cardiff next month. She never looked troubled, winning all her contests comfortably without conceding a score or even permitting a strong attack.

For details about starting judo or information about the Samurai club and its activities, telephone 0776 1122977 or visit the Samurai website on [www.samurai.org.uk](http://www.samurai.org.uk)

## Dreadful start for Carolians

### Leamington 54 K'minster Carolians 17

A TERRIBLE start to both halves of this match saw Kidderminster suffer a humiliating defeat at the hands of rampant Leamington and slip to third from bottom in Midlands Two West (South).

Leamington opened their account after just two minutes when KC's backs were caught offside and the hosts' scrum-half kicked the penalty via an upright. He then set his wing free to create the opening try.

Straight from the restart Leamington ran the ball back for a second try, converted, and the visitors found themselves 15-0 down with only eight minutes on the clock.

They hit back with a Chris Pinner penalty for a deliberate knock-on which might well have seen a penalty try awarded. Although Leamington notched another penalty, Kidderminster responded with a catch and drive from an attacking lineout and good rucking to send second row Nathan Small crashing over for a try, converted by Pinner, to reduce the half-time deficit to only 18-10.

However, a flood of second-half points decided the match and it was 49-10 before Carolians could exert some pressure – only to concede a length of the field breakdown try. Still, three minutes before time Andy McLellan joined a ruck to plunge over for a try, converted by Pinner.

Kidderminster's under-16s won 17-12 at Bromyard with a try apiece for Dave Bisset, Tom Mayall and Dan Cooper with Bisset landing a conversion.

## Tricky format for contest

A TRICKY format and difficult weather hit scoring in Kidderminster Golf Club's 18-hole Fourball Alliance.

Each player took it in turns to play a yellow ball, the score with this ball plus one other score to count.

Winners were Mike Brennan, Dave Wiggins, Stewart Preston and John Thompson with 72 points.

Kidderminster B exited the Droitwich Shield, losing 2-1 at home to Moseley.

The 12-hole mixed competition was won by Alan and Dawn Pope, Chris and Pat Clarke with 53 points.

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